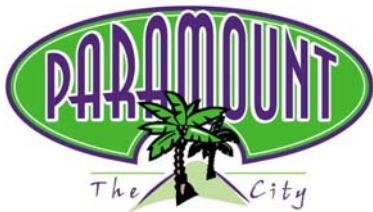


SILVER LEVEL AWARD WINNER



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BEST PRACTICE
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City of Paramount

Sustainability Best Practices Activities



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Areas of Accomplishment

		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions			
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings			
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	2018		



About This Document

This document tracks and shares local agency best practice activities completed and counted as part of a city or county's participation in the climate change and sustainability recognition program, the Beacon Program. The Beacon Program is a statewide program recognizing cities and counties that are working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy and adopt policies and programs that promote sustainability.

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Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. When doing city facility upgrades, replaces lighting with LED. (2015)	2018

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities	Reported
Gold	1.	2018

Level	Energy Efficiency & Conservation Activities	Reported
Platinum	1.	





Water & Wastewater Systems Activity

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Use weather-based irrigation control system to regulate and improve the efficient irrigation of city facilities. (2008)	2018

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes water conservation and modified water use practices at city facilities. Installed water-saving devices and waterless urinals at many facilities. (2015) Long-standing program of installing catch basin screens and inserts to prevent trash and other debris from entering rivers and ocean. (2008) 	2018

Level	Water and Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Platinum	1.	





Green Building Activity

Level	Green Building Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Requires developers of new and significantly rebuilt facilities to install stormwater management infrastructure to address and treat runoff. (2013)	2018

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
Gold	<p>1. Adopted a “green street” ordinance that requires street resurfacing and reconstruction projects to incorporate ways to slow, filter, and cleanse storm water runoff from impervious surfaces (streets, sidewalks). Includes vegetation, soil, and engineered systems like permeable pavements. Green streets are designed to capture rainwater at its source where rain falls, rather than direct storm water runoff from impervious surfaces into storm sewer systems (gutters, drains, pipes) that discharge directly into rivers and streams. (2013)</p> <p>2. Residents and businesses may participate in the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE), which allows them to obtain financing for energy and water efficiency products that can be repaid through annual property tax payments. (2010)</p>	

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
Platinum	1.	





Waste Reduction and Recycling Activity

Level	Waste Reduction Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Requires all contractors to recycle concrete and asphalt when doing resurfacing or concrete replacement work in the city. (2006)	2018

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partnered with contract tree trimmer, West Coast Arborists, for the Urban Wood Pathways program to recycle wood chips from city trees and to replant trees that are removed. (2016) 2. Via curbside recycling programs, reducing the number of pounds of waste produced per resident. (2007) 	2018

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Platinum	1. Ongoing internal review of office practices to reduce impacts on the environment and reduce waste has led to employees replacing Styrofoam cups with reusable coffee cups and all departments working toward eliminating paper memos by using only emails. (2007)	2018





Climate-friendly Purchasing Activity

Level	Climate-Friendly Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Used rubberized asphalt in street resurfacing work. Approximately 4,000 old tires recycled per mile of each lane paved, and kept out of landfills. (10,000 were recycled in 2017 on Alondra Blvd.)	2018

Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
Gold	1. When possible, purchases low- or zero-emission, hybrid, or alternative fuel vehicles for the city fleet; currently at 30% of total fleet with a goal of 50%.	

Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
Platinum		





Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activity

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Installed solar panels on roof of city yard warehouse. (2010)	2018

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Gold	1.	2018

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Platinum	1.	





Efficient Transportation Activity

Level	Efficient Transportation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Applied for and received a grant to extend a dedicated bike path for further greenhouse gas reductions. (2017)	2018

Level	Efficient Transportation Activities	Reported
Gold	1.	2018

Level	Efficient Transportation Activities	Reported
Platinum	1.	2018





Land Use and Community Design Activity

Level	Land Use and Community Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Developed a comprehensive Bike Master Plan that encourages greenhouse gas reductions. (2016)	2018

Level	Land Use and Community Activities	Reported
Gold		2018

Level	Land Use and Community Activities	Reported
Platinum	1.	





Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activity

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Silver	1. Participating in the Gateway Cities/COG Climate Action Plan. (2017)	2018

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Gold	1. Implementing focused tree planting program for neighborhood and parks. (1997) 2. Joined Community Choice Aggregation program (Clean Power Alliance) to provide 50% cleaner, renewable, energy to residents and businesses reducing GHG impact to providing energy. (2017)	2018

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Platinum	1.	





Promoting Community and Individual Action Activity

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Silver	1. Started annual "Clutter-Free Paramount" event for residents to responsibly dispose of e-waste, large-items, green waste, and documents. (2018)	2018

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Gold	1.	2018

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Platinum	1.	





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